



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: January 13, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members

BinaxNOW Testing in High-Density Communities | High Density Community Testing Program Manager Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Carroll

- BinaxNOW rapid testing is being conducted at 40 community-owned testing sites, set up in coordination with community organizations. A list of community testing sites can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2lel7el>
- State testing staff assists with set up and workflow management in order to ensure efficient and safe operations.

COVID-19 Data Update | COVID-19 High-Density Communities Coordinated Response Lead Julian Drix

- Early December Pause led to weeks of decreased COVID-19 case counts, including in high-density communities. Case counts have begun to increase again.
- Latinx and Black communities continue to be disproportionately affected by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Age-adjusted data shows that populations of color have higher case, hospitalization, and death counts at a lower median age than among white populations.
- COVID-19 data can be found at <https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com/>. [More extensive data can be found here.](#)

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- A Council member advocated for more inclusive language to include Native American communities.
- Several Council members shared feedback and their own experiences working with the State testing team to set up community test sites.

Next Steps

- State staff will make presented data readily available for Council members to share with their communities.

Close

- Secretary Womazetta Jones shared closing remarks

